Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Tim Bjork was born and raised in Madison, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Tim joined state government in 1978, with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, commonly referred to as "Dirt and Water" by most, and took on the task of protecting the water resources of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Tim spent considerable time during the past 5 years traveling from Pierre to Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve at McCook Lake, The Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls, Fort Sisseton near Lake City, Custer State Park, and the George S. Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills, sometimes all in the same week; and,

Whereas, Tim worked with donors to raise funds for numerous projects to expand and sustain wildlife and recreational opportunities for all South Dakota citizens and their guests; and,

Whereas, Tim dedicated his career to protecting and preserving South Dakota's land, water, and wildlife resources, and his contributions are appreciated by all who have benefited; and,

Whereas, Tim has left his mark on South Dakota's landscape and is respected by his co-workers for his contributions to South Dakota's resources and in the state government workplace; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan to honor and congratulate him as he officially retires:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2004, as

TIM BJORK DAY

in South Dakota.

Marita.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenteith Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State